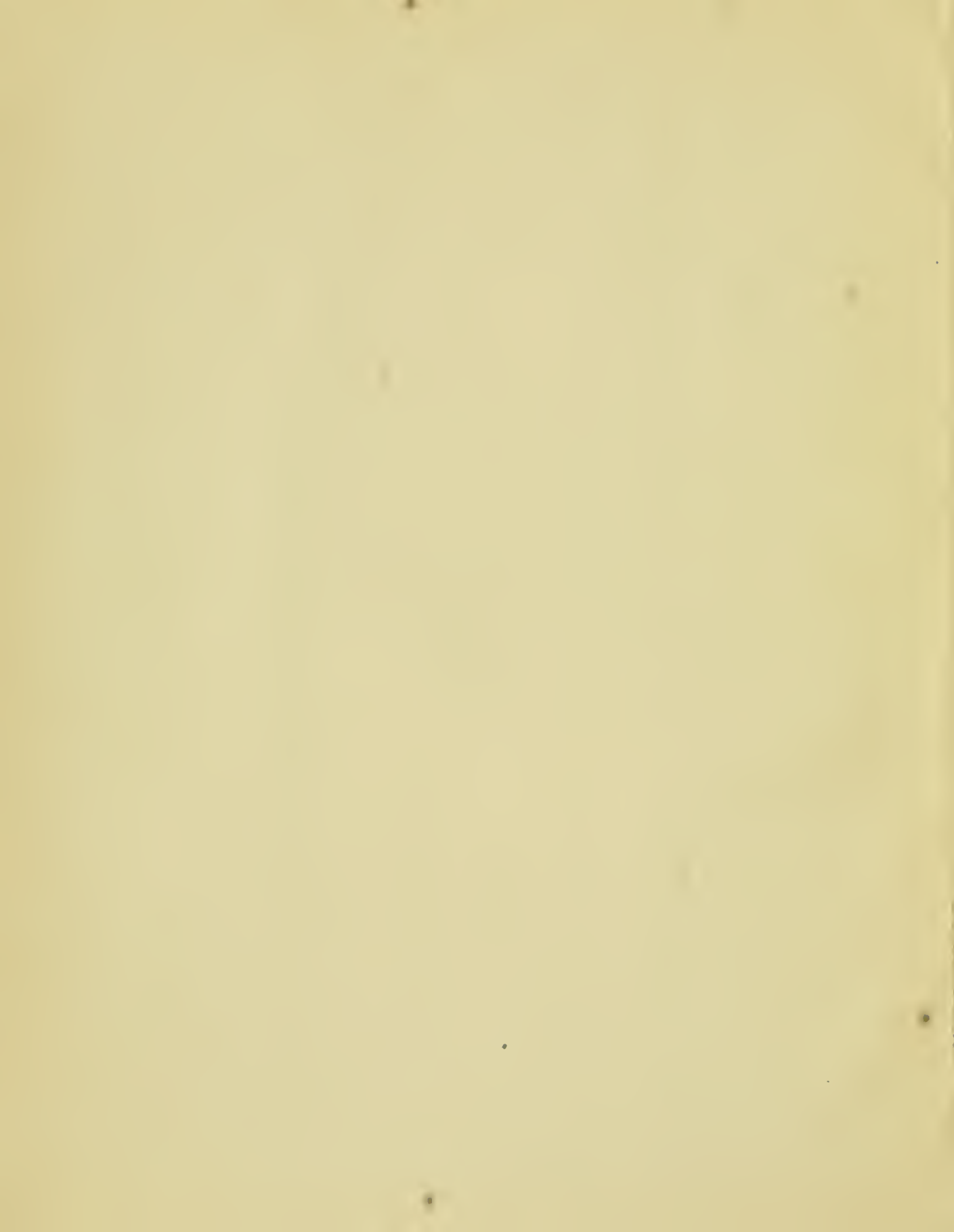


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S Y N O D O F N E W J E R S E Y

for the year ending

October, 1849.

I N T E R
of the
ANNUAL MEETING
of the
SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY
for the year 1849
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Morristown, New Jersey October 16, 1849

The Synod of New Jersey met according to adjournment at 7 o'clock p.m. and was opened with a sermon from John 9th Chapter and 30th verse.- by the Rev. Julius Foster, the Moderator.

After public worship, the Synod was constituted by prayer.

Present

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Eagle	Richard Townley	2nd Ch. Eliza. Town
Mr. Barton	Henry Hedges	Chester
Mr. Williamson		
Mr. Halsey		Mt. Olive
Mr. Bond	David W. Lemarest	1st Woodbridge
Mr. Chester	Lucas V. Hoagland	Plainfield
Mr. Elauvelt	B. McDowell	Lamington
Mr. Ogden	Elias B. Sturges	Chatham Village
Mr. Muntting	Wm. Clark, Jr.	Westfield
Mr. Murray	Wm. Brown	1st Ch. Eliz. Town
Mr. Kirtland	E.J. Cooper	2nd Ch. Morristown
Mr. J. Cory		
Mr. B. Cory		Baskingridge
Mr. Street	Jonathan J. Oliver	New Vernon
Mr. Ely	Saml. E. Woodbridge	Perth Amboy
Mr. English		
Mr. Denton		Connect. Farms
Mr. Richard	Elias Brown	Liberty Corner
Mr. Bradbury	Jonathan Thompson	Rahway
Mr. Imbrie	Elias Marsh	Elizabeth Port
Mr. Reinhart	David Burnett	1st Ch. Paterson
Mr. Hornblower		Springfield
Mr. Rankin	Matthias Osborn	New Providence
	John A. Freeman	1st Morristown

Presbytery of New Brunswick

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Comfort	Henry Vandyke	Kingston
Dr. Janeway	Abner Scudder	Trenton 1st Church
Dr. Cogswell		
Mr. Cooley		Middletown Point
Mr. Henry		1st Cranbury
Mr. R.K. Rodgers		Boundbrook
Dr. Hodge		
Dr. D.V. McLean	C. Vanderbeek	Allentown
Mr. L.H. Van Doren	John Terhune	New Brunswick
Mr. Hale		Seedsville
Dr. Hope		Vill. Ch. Freehold
Mr. Taylor		2nd Cranbury
Mr. Hall		
Mr. Torrel	James Huo	Freehold
Mr. White	Saml. Kemill	Lawrence
Mr. Bush		
Mr. Howell		Pennington
Mr. Schenck		Dutch Neck
	David N. Byran	Shrewsbury
	Isaac Baker	Princeton
	Wm. Torrey	Manchester

Presbytery of Newton

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Dr. Shafer		Newton
Dr. Gray	Joseph Rosenberry	Mansfield
Mr. Conklin	Chas. Sitgreaves	1st Easton
Mr. Lewers		2nd Easton
Mr. McWilliam		Manville
Mr. Carrol		Middle Smithfield
Mr. Tully	Robt. Kennedy	Greenwich
Mr. Oakley	Phineas B. Kennedy	Belvidere
	Isaac H. Carpenter	Musconetong Valley
Mr. Junkin		
Mr. Jos. Torrel		Allen Township
Mr. Knox		Upper Mt. Bethel
Mr. Talmage	Peter H. Shafer	Stillwater 1st
Mr. Vanderveer		
Mr. Clark		Stillwater 2nd
Mr. McGee		Harmony
Mr. Townley		
	M. Gulick	Lower Mt. Bethel
	John Crate	Harwick
	Phillip Crater	Fox Hill
	Simon F. Yckoff	Oxford
	David Peigbour	German Valley

Presbytery of Raritan

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Kirkpatrick	Joseph G. Browne	Amwell United First
Mr. Peter O. Studdiford		Amwell 2nd
Mr. Porter		1st Ch. Amwell
Mr. Hunt		Flemington
Mr. Sherwood		Sixth Ch. Amwell
	R.C. Stevens	Pleasant Grove

Presbytery of Susquehanna

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Foster		Braintown
Mr. Huntting		Rome
Mr. Thomas		Troy
		(Wells and
Mr. Camp		(Columbia
Mr. Bronson		Elkland
	John D. Hinman	Towanda
	Jos. B. Humphrey	Orwell
	John R. Wells	Wyalusing

Presbytery of West Jersey

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. Janvier	Moses Richmond	Pittsgrove
Mr. Pollock		Greenwich
Mr. Graham		Woodbury
Mr. Lawrence		Blackwoodtown
Mr. Williamson		Cold Spring
Mr. Helme	Henry B. Lupton	Bridgeton
Mr. Ford		Salem
Mr. Miller		Beerfield
Mr. Brown		Williamstown
Mr. Cattell	Samuel Durtis	Mount Holly

Presbytery of Luzerne

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Churches</u>
Mr. T.P. Hunt		Kingston
Mr. Lorrance		Hanover
Mr. Webster		Lackawanna

Statistical Reports received from the Presbyteries of Elizabeth town, New Brunswick, Newton, Raritan, Susquehanna, West Jersey and Luzerne.

Mr. Nathan Foster, Elder of the church of Lyons Paras of the Presbytery of Elizabeth town, the Rev. Fr. John Skinner and the Rev. James Little, D.D. of the Presbytery of Newton, the Rev. Cornelius H. Lane and Rev. James F. Kennedy of the Presbytery of Luzerne being present took their seats as members of Synod

Rev. Symmes C. Henry was unanimously chosen Moderator, Rodgers and McWilliam chosen Clerks, etc.

Synod then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday Morning, October 17 9 A.M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer- present as before with Mr. Condit and Mr. Harris, Jacob Collyer, Baskingridge, Presbytery of Elizabeth town, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Irwin, Presbytery of Newton, W.C. Parke, Luverne.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod were read.

Satisfactory reasons were assigned for the absence from this meeting of Mr. Davidson, L.L. Alexander, Mr. Miller and Mr. Lythe of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Mr. Condict of the Presbytery of Newton and Mr. Jones of the Presbytery of West Jersey and Mr. Mcandlep of the Presbytery of Newton.

The Minutes of the last meeting of Synod were read. The members now present who were absent from that meeting assigned satisfactory reasons for such absence in part- and it was on motion resolved, that the Standing Rule requiring absent members to assign reasons for their absence were suspended.

The Rev. Mr. William W. McCrell of the Synod of Philadelphia and the Rev. I. Prime of the Synod of New York being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

It was on motion resolved, that immediately after the reading of the Minutes of the last stated meeting an opportunity be afforded to the Rev. Mr. Prime, Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society, to present the claims of the Society and after Mr. Prime shall have been heard that an opportunity be afforded to Mr. McCrell, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Missions, to present the cause and claim of Home Missions.

The following committees were appointed (1).

The Stated Clerk gave notice that there had been laid on the table of Synod by the session of the First Church of Easton a complaint and appeal against the decision of the Presbytery of Newton for a recent decision of Presbyteries touching the records of said Session as also a complaint by the Rev. A.G. Frazer against the Presbytery of Elizabeth town. The papers were referred to the Judicial Committee and the committee had leave to withdraw.

Mrs. Janeway and Magie and Mr. Cooley were appointed a committee on the Sabbath.

Mr. Welley of the Presbytery of Newton appeared in synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for his late attendance.

Mr. Prime was heard in an address on the claims and operations of the American Bible Society; and Mr. Magie and Mr. Halsey were appointed a committee to draft resolutions in reference to this very important object.

Mr. McDowell was heard in an interesting address on the cause of Home Missions in connection with the Board of Domestic Missions.

The committee on Religious Exercises presented the following report which was accepted and adopted (2).

The Rev. Mr. Scott of the Particular Synod of New York of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church, the Rev. Mr. Leyburn of the Synod of Virginia and the Rev. Mr. Painey of the Synod of New York and the Rev. Levi S. Beebe of the Synod of Georgia being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Rev. Mr. Cob and Ladd of the Presbytery of Susquehanna and the Rev. Mr. J. Osmund of the Presbytery of Lucerne appeared in synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The committee on assessment presented the following report which was accepted and adopted (papers No. 3).

Mr. Leyburn the Corresponding Secretary and General Agent of the Board of Publication, was heard in a statement of facts and principles in connection with the operation of the Board of Publication and particularly on the claims of the Colportage Enterprise; and the subject was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Hale and Janvier.

The narratives of the state of religion from the Presbyteries were called for and presented. Referred to the committee on the narrative.

Mr. Aaron Solomon, an Elder from the Church of Mt. Olive of the Presbytery of Elizabeth town appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner.

Mr. Pinney, Secretary of the New York Colonization Society, was heard on the subject of Colonization and the subject was referred to a committee consisting of Mr. Hope and Mr. R. Taylor.

And then Synod had a recess until 2 o'clock.

After recess the committee on the Presbyterial Records of the Presbytery of New Brunswick reported that they find the records well and accurately kept and recommend their approval. The report was accepted and adopted.

The committee on the Treasurer's Accounts presented the following report which was accepted as satisfactory (papers No. 4).

Reports on Benevolent Contributions were received from the Presbyteries of West Jersey and Baritan. The other Presbyteries having reported on this subject in their Statistical Reports (papers No. 5).

The Judicial Committee presented the following report. The Judicial Committee report that the complaint of the Rev. A.G. Frazer against the Presbytery of Elizabeth town is in order and they recommend the following order of proceeding in the consideration of the same

1. That the complaint be read
2. The proceedings of the Presbytery in the case
3. The complainant be heard in support of the complaint
4. The Presbytery be heard in defence of the decision.

The report was accepted and the subject placed on the docket.

Mr. Ephraim Marsh, an Elder from the Church of Hackettstown, of the Presbytery of Newton and Mr. Abraham Lewis, an Elder from Church of Mount Freedom of the Presbytery of Elizabeth town and Mr. McCurray of the same Presbytery and Mr. Edward Barnes from Summit Hill of Presbytery of Luzerne appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

It was Resolved, that when the Synod shall adjourn it adjourn to meet in Second Church of Elizabeth town on the third Tuesday of October 1850 at 3 o'clock p.m. and Mrs. Magie and Murray, Ministers and Mr. Townley, Elder were appointed a committee on the Religious Exercises of the Synod.

The Rev. Mr. Heldon of the Presbytery of Charlestown Union and the Rev. Mr. Smith of the Association of Middlesex North appeared in Synod and were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Mr. Lorrance presented a resolution of overtures to the General Assembly to transfer a certain portion of the territory of the Synod within the bounds of the Presbytery of Newton to the Synod of Philadelphia. After considerable discussion the resolution was laid on the table.

The Rev. Mr. Van Benschelaer of the Presbytery of West Jersey appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Maritan reported recommending their approval and the report was accerted and adopted.

The Rev. Levi Christian of the Synod of Buffalo appeared in Synod and was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. T.P. Hunt, Chairman of the committee on Christian Education, presented a report and proceeded with the reading of it, which was arrested by a motion for a recess. Synod had a recess until the hour of public worship this evening.

After recess Synod convened and the Rev. Charles R. Imbrie preached the Annual Missionary Sermon from Dan XII 4.

Mr. Hunt resumed and completed the reading of the report on Education and the report was laid on the table.

The committee on the subject of Mr. Leyburn's address presented a report which was accepted, amended and adopted as follows (No. 6).

The committee on the records of the Presbytery of West Jersey reported recommending their approval. The report was accepted and adopted.

Synod adjourned till tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday Morning October 18, 9 o'clock

Synod convened according to adjournment opened with prayer-- present as before together with Rev. Isaac Todd of the Presbytery of Susquehanna who assigned satisfactory reasons for not coming sooner.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod were read and approved.

Dr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Torrey were appointed a committee on the Minutes of General Assembly.

It was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock to take up the complaint of the Rev. J.G. Frazer.

The Rev. James Clark was appointed to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon and the Rev. Mr. Dodge his alternate.

The Presbytery of Newton had leave to retire from the Synod.

The Presbytery of Luzerne had leave to take under their care Mr. Am. Saml. Morrison a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Newry in Ireland.

The Stated Clerk was directed to forward the Statistical Report of the Synod to the next General Assembly.

The committee on leave of absence reported (No. 7).

The unfinished business was then taken, viz., overture to the General Assembly in regard to Lafayette College and it was moved to refer to a committee to prepare a memorial to the General Assembly to erect a new Synod on the territory on the eastern border of this Synod. After discussions the subject was indefinitely postponed.

The Judicial Committee had leave to withdraw.

The order of the day was taken up, viz., the complaint of the Rev. A.G. Frazer against the Presbytery of Elizabeth town. The Moderator announced to the Synod, that they were about to pass to the consideration of Judicial business and enjoined on the members to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ and the solemn duty in which they were about to act.

The sentences complained of and the complaint and the reasons of complaint were read. The whole record of the proceedings of the Presbytery in the case were then read.

The complainant was heard in support of his complaint. The court rose and the Synod resumed its business and Mr. Janeay, Chairman of the committee on Sabbath presented a report which was accepted and laid on the table for the present.

Mr. Hope, Chairman of committee to whom was referred the subject of Colonization presented a report which was accepted and adopted and is as follows.

Synod had a recess until 2 o'clock.

After recess Synod convened. The committee on the records of the Presbytery of Luzerne, reported recommending their approval- the report was accepted and adopted.

It was made the order of the day after issuing the complaint of the Rev. A.G. Frazer to take up the report of the committee on Christian Education.

Synod again sat in a Judicial capacity and resumed the consideration of the unfinished business.

The Presbytery of Elizabeth town were heard through their commissioners, Hon. Ira C. Hitchhead, Elder and Mrs. Magie and Murray and Mr. Ogden in defence of their decision.

Mr. Frazer was heard in reply and then the parties withdrew from the house. The roll was called to afford the members of the Synod an opportunity of expressing their opinions. The calling of the roll was arrested by a motion for a recess.

The Rev. John H. Condit of the Synod of Buffalo appeared in Synod in the progress of the judicial business and was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The court rose and the Synod had a recess until 7 o'clock this evening.

After recess the Synod convened and attended the Religious Exercises of the Synodical Prayer Meeting.

Synod again sat in a judicial capacity and resumed the unfinished business. The calling of the roll was proceeded with in part and the members of Synod expressed their opinion on the case.

Synod then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday October 19, 1849 8:30 o'clock a.m.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer- present as before.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod were read.

The committee on leave of absence presented the following report (No. 9).

The committee on the narrative of the State of Religion presented the following which was accepted and adopted (No. 10).

Benevolent Contribution (No. 5).

The Stated Clerk was directed to procure a suitable box in which to preserve the Rough Minutes and Files of the Synod and to have them deposited for safe keeping at some place separate from the place at which the records of the Synod are usually kept. The place of deposit to be chosen by the Stated Clerk.

Synod sat in a judicial capacity and resumed the judicial business unfinished. The calling of the roll was proceeded with and completed and the members of the Synod expressed their opinions.

The question was then taken on the complaint of the Rev. J. G. Frazer against a decision of the Presbytery of Elizabeth town and the result was as follows. To sustain in the complaint, 9, not to sustain 35. To sustain in part 18, and the complaint was accordingly not sustained.

The order of the day was postponed and the committee on Bills and Overtures reported an overture proposing the erection of a new Presbytery on a portion of the territory of the Presbyteries of West Jersey and New Brunswick. The report was accepted and the further consideration of the overture indefinitely postponed.

A resolution was offered in regard to proposals which may be made to place Lafayette College under the care of this synod and after discussion the resolution was withdrawn to receive the following substitute which was adopted (No. 11). The Moderator was directed to appoint a committee of five members on the subject according to the resolution.

The committee on the Presbyterial Records of Newton and Susquehanna, severally reported recommending their approval which was adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee in regard to Lafayette College. Mrs. D. V. McLean and Murray and Messrs. J. F. Hunt, Ministers and Ira C. Hitchcock and John L. Sherrard, Elder.

The order of the day, viz., the report of the committee on Christian Education was taken up and it was on motion resolved, that the report be placed in the hands of Dr. Van Rensselaer to be used at his discretion.

It was resolved, to reconsider the resolution to postpone indefinitely the consideration of the overture to erect a new Presbytery. The motion was withdrawn and the request of the overture was granted and it was resolved, (see overture No. 12).

Synod had a recess until 1:30 o'clock.

At the close of recess synod met.

The committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report. The report was accepted and put on theocket.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the address of the Rev. W. I. Prime presented, which was accepted and adopted as follows (paper 13).

The Janitor's bill amounting to \$5.00 and a bill for Stationary amounting to 50 cents were ordered to be paid.

The report of the committee on the Sabbath was taken up and it was resolved, that a committee be raised by the Synod to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature of New Jersey on the desecration of the Sabbath by the Canal and Railroad companies- the memorial to be sent to the several Ministers of this Synod and others with the view of obtaining signatures in their respective congregations. Mrs. Janeway and Magie, committee.

The committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Elizabeth town reported recommending their approval. The report was accepted and adopted.

It was resolved, that the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the inhabitants of Morristown and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality to the members of Synod during the present session.

The Synod heard Mr. Glen, a Missionary in the Presbytery of Luzerne, on the subject of church extension and the missionary work in the Schuylkill Valley and solicited their assistance when it was resolved, that Mr. Glen be recommended to the favorable consideration of the churches.

Report of the committee on Minutes taken up and the items, etc., etc., were referred to the several Presbyteries for their consideration and action (No. 14).

Calling of the roll dispersed with.

The stated Clerk and Mr. Davidson, committee to publish extracts in New York Observer and Presbyterian.

Adjourned, etc., etc., Prayer and Benediction. Concluded with prayer.

A P P E N D I X

1. RESOLUTIONS AND IMPORTANT ACTIONS.
2. NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.
3. PRESBYTERIAL STATISTICAL REPORTS.

1849

No. 1 Synod having heard an address from the Rev. Dr. Leybrun on behalf of the claims of the Board of Publication, and feeling the vital importance of that establishment to the purity and prosperity of the Presbyterian Church, present the following resolutions to be submitted to all the churches under their care.

1. Resolved. That the Board of Publication of our church deserves the warm sympathies of our whole body, and that its efficiency for good greatly depends upon the active co-operation of the churches.

2. Resolved. That it be recommended to all our congregations to encourage the circulation of the books of our board, by Colporteurs and otherwise.

3. Resolved. That it is recommended to Pastors and churches to raise a collection annually to aid in the support of Colporteurs employed by the Board of for the sale of their publications.

4. Resolved. That it be recommended to our pastors, sessions and congregations, to receive cordially the agents who may in future visit them to present the claims of said Board.

No. 2 The committee appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the views of the Synod in regard to the subject of African Colonization, as presented to their notice by the Rev. J. B. Pinney, would respectfully propose for the adoption of the Synod the following, viz:

The Synod has heard with very great interest the statements made by Mr. Pinney and feel a sincere anxiety to do every thing in their power to promote the objects to which their attention has been called.

The reasons which in their view are instant and urgent for this purpose, are such as the following, viz;

1. The Colonization Society having now been relieved from the burden of supporting the colonies in Liberia, (these colonies having been organized into an independent and self-sustaining republic,) the society is thus left free to devote its energies and its resources mainly to the work of sending out and establishing in their new home such persons of color as may be prepared to emigrate to Liberia---The society has thus sent out a much larger number of emigrants during the present year than before, and they desire and hope to send forth a still larger number before the year shall close.

2. A large number of manumitted slaves probably not less than 500 in all, are now pressing anxiously for a passage to Liberia; and it is very desirable on account of the high character of the great mass of them, and also because some of them are liable to return into bondage for life, unless speedily removed, that the means should be provided for their removal without any delay. The Synod are deeply pained to know that some to whom liberty was offered on condition of their removal, have reverted into hopeless slavery merely for the want of means on the part of the society to fulfill the condition. And as fifty dollars a piece will cover the entire expense of their removal the Synod would express the hope that in no future cases will the priceless boon of freedom be lost for the want of so comparatively trifling a pittance.

3. The bearing of the Liberian Colonies upon the suppression of the slave trade, constitutes an irresistible argument for the support of the scheme. It is a fact now abundantly in evidence before the civilized world and admitted by the British Government itself that the proceeds of voluntary christian benevolence in aid of these colonies has accomplished far more for the extinction of the slave trade than the fifty millions already expended by the English Government alone in the futile attempt to stop this diabolical traffic.

4. Another reason for the liberal support of this scheme is to be found in its tendency to furnish an adequate christian agency to sustain the institutions of the gospel among the colonists and to bring the native African tribes under the power of Christian truth. The deleterious character of the climate so fatal to white men seems to point out the scheme of colonization as the only possible present means of rescuing that dark and degraded continent from the most debasing coolatry.

5. The cause of colonization has a claim upon the sympathies of our people, because it offers a door of relief to those humane masters who are anxious to be relieved from the evils and responsibilities of slavery, and who are prevented by the slave laws of some of the states from seeking relief in any other form. There are few persons who deserve our christian and humane sympathies more than those anxious masters who are desirous of the relief which can reach them from no other source.

The Synod deem it unnecessary to attempt to add anything to the weight and cogency of the testimony already repeatedly given by this Synod and by the General Assembly in favour of this great scheme of humanity. It is destined as they believe to take an high rank not only among the enter prizes of Christian benevolence, but among the controlling National Developments of that Providence which worketh all things after the counsel of his own will. There are few events even in this stirring age more fraught with commanding and absorbing human interest than the foundation of an independent nation of free-men among a race numbering not less than 150,000,000 human beings a race whose physical peculiarities, to say nothing of their intellectual, moral and social position make it impossible that they should be absorbed into or blended with any other--a race heretofore groaning under a curse so dark and so portentous, whose only hope of social and political happiness like that of all other human beings springs out of the gospel of Christ and in whose moral, social and political elevation some of the brightest triumphs of the gospel are yet to be achieved.

On every account the Synod would express the earnest hope that all its churches and all who are within its ecclesiastical control will be forward at this interesting and hopeful crisis to lend prompt and efficient aid to this great scheme of humanity and benevolence.

For the accomplishment of this object the Synod would hereby direct the stated clerk to publish this minute, and they would further recommend to all the pastors connected with the Synod to lay the subject before their respective congregations either by reading this minute, by inviting the labors of an agent, or by such other means as they may deem best and to afford to such of them as have not already done so, an opportunity to contribute to the funds of the Colonization Society.

No. 3 Resolved. That a committee be appointed to receive and consider any proposals which may be made by the Trustees of La Fayette College for the placing said College under the care of this Synod, and that said committee report at the next stated meeting of Synod.

It was then Resolved, that the committee consist of 5 members viz; three ministers and two elders, to be appointed by the moderator.

No. 4 An application having been made to the Synod, (the Presbyteries of New Brunswick and West Jersey concurring,) to detach from said Presbyteries respectively, the churches of Bordentown, Plumstead and Plattsburgh, with the Rev. Alden Scovell, the Rev. George C. Bush and the Rev. John C. DePew, now belonging to the former Presbytery, and the churches of Burlington, Mount Holly, and Columbus with the Rev. Cortlandt Van Renssalaer D. D. and the Rev. Samuel Miller Jr., now belonging to the Presbytery of West Jersey, and the same to constitute a Presbytery to be called the Presbytery of Burlington.

Resolved. That this application be referred to the committee on Bills and Overtures.

The committee on Bills and Overtures reported the application in relation to a new Presbytery and laid it before the Synod. Whereupon, It was Resolved, That the request of the applicants be granted.

Resolved. That the meeting to organize said Presbytery be held on the third Thursday of November next at the city of Burlington, at 7 o'clock in the Evening in the Presbyterian Church, and that the Rev. Cortlandt Van Rensselaer L. D. or in his absence, the oldest minister present, preach a sermon, and preside until a moderator be chosen.

No. 5 The Synod of New Jersey having heard the statements made by the Rev. S. J. Prime Secretary of the American Bible Society are painfully unpressed with the facts that so many are yet destitute of the Sacred Scriptures in our own country, but at the same time are rejoiced to hear that the demand for the Bible is increasing at home and abroad in a manner wholly unprecedented and requiring the most active and constant exertion to meet the calls that are made. And in view of the vast increase of our population by immigration, the extension of our territory, and the formation of new states, which must be supplied with the word of God--In view of the great fact that God has recently removed all obstacles, so that his word may have free course and be glorified among th Papal and the Pagan Nations of the East--In view of the fact that the American Bible Society is in most urgent need of funds to enable it to furnish the bread of life to perishing millions, its Depository being reduced and its Treasury exhausted, while from all parts of the world, the cry is coming for the word of salvation---And believing that One great duty of the church is to give the Bible to those who have it not, and that the circulation of the printed Bible is one of the most rapid economical and efficient modes of imparting the knowledge of God to the distant and destitute. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Synod do earnestly and affectionately recommend it to the churches, and to each member of the churches under its care to contribute to the Bible cause with a liberality commensurate with the magnitude and importance of this work, and their own individual indebtedness to the word of God.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION
1849

The Synod of New Jersey having received the usual reports from the Presbyteries connected with it, would acknowledge the good hand of God, by which it has been brought to this time in its present state of peace, prosperity, and usefulness.

The Synod has much cause for thankfulness in the general decorum, size and attention of the audiences which in all its bounds, attend upon the preaching of the gospel, and the Ordinances of God's house. It also rejoices to hear that an increasing attention is given by more of its pastors to the subject of Christian Education, that the Shorter Catechism appears to be very generally taught, and that the Sabbath Schools of nearly all its churches are reported to be in a flourishing condition.

The subject of parochial schools appears to engage more and more of the attention of its pastors and congregations, and it bails it as one of the happiest omens of the permanence and continued purity of the church that there is so strong a desire evidently increasing from year to year, that the children of the church should be subjected to a thoroughly Christian and Presbyterian Education. It is a precious indication of the rapidly approaching glory of the church, that the hearts of the fathers and more and more turned to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers.

Its higher seminaries of learning appear to be in their usually flourishing state. The number of students in the College of New Jersey is a little larger than at any previous time. The tone of piety in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, is reported to be of a more elevated and spiritual kind than ordinary..

The Synod has learned with great satisfaction that the various undertakings of the church for the Extension and establishment of true religion, have received increased contributions from the churches of the Synod.-The Synod is obliged to confess however that many of its churches have not as yet come up to the full measure of duty in this respect, and it would express the earnest hope, that the day is not far distant when every one of its churches from the strongest to the weakest shall rise to a far higher standard of effort and liberality than the present.

It is especially pleasing to the Synod to learn from the reports of its Presbyteries that the Boards of Foreign and Domestic Missions, of Education, and of Publication, the constituted agencies of our own beloved church, are steadily gaining the more affectionate sympathies and warmer co-operation of its churches.

A deep and increasing interest has been awakened among the pastors and churches of the Synod, respecting the wide and long neglected destitutions within its bounds, especially those lying in its north-western part among the mountains of Pennsylvania, and those in its south-eastern parts in West Jersey and upon the Seaboard. The Presbyteries report that increased efforts have in the last year been made in those destitutions, a considerable number of additional missionaries sent thereto, and several new and promising churches planted or commenced therein; and the Synod hopes and prays that the time may not be far distant when every portion of its territory may be numerously dotted over with churches of its own faith and order, and when the pure Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ may be so proclaimed that every human being within its limits may be enabled to hear it.

The Synod would also acknowledge with humble gratitude the goodness and mercy of God in having given to its churches some tokens of his presence and his favour. The Presbyteries have most of them reported, that one or more of their churches have, in an unusual degree been visited during the past year by the reviving influences of the Holy Spirit, while the great

body of the churches have received more or fewer hopeful converts during the past Synodical year. Nevertheless the Synod would acknowledge with grief and humiliation a state of spiritual coldness as prevalent in many of its churches, perhaps it may be said through its bounds generally.

It is not to be denied notwithstanding the tokens of God's continued goodness already referred to that the candle of the Lord does not shine upon our heads, as in days that are past. And the Synod would express its earnest hope that the ministers, elders and communicants every where throughout its borders will awake to more importunate and fervent prayer, that the Great Head of the church would take compassion on our low estate-would pour out upon us abundant showers of reviving and converting influence and would gladden our hearts by giving us to see more abundant fruits of our labours.

PRESBYTERIAL
STATISTICAL REPORT
1849

1. The Presbytery of Elizabethtown report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 33 Ministers, and have under their care 24 Congregations, 4 Licentiated and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery also report to the Synod that on the 18th of October, last, they dismissed the Rev. Henry W. Rankin to join the Presbytery of Kiangpo in China-that on the 21st of March 1848, they dismissed Mr. William Garthwaite, a licentiate under their care to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Peoria, Illinois-that on the 18th of April, they received the Rev. Luther Walsey D. D. from the Presbytery of Ohio-that on the same day they received under their care the 1st Presbyterian Church of Lyons Farms-licensed Mr. Lucius J. Root to preach the gospel, and dissolved the pastoral relations of the Rev. Abraham Williamson to the church and congregations of Mount Olive-that on the 25th of February, the Rev. Thomas Cochran departed this life-that on the 13th of September they dismissed Mr. Lucius J. Root a licentiate under their care to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Wisconsin-that on the 3rd of October, they received Mr. John Kirby Davis, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Troy under their care, and on the 4th of the same month, licensed Mr. Luther Little to preach the gospel.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

JAMES W. WHEATON, Stated Clerk.

2. The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 46 Ministers, and have under their care 31 Congregations, 15 Licentiated and 5 Candidates.

They further report that on the 5th of October 1848, they dismissed Mr. William W. Baker a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Arkansas-that on the 6th of February, 1849, they received the Rev. Charles W. Gardiner from the Presbytery of Philadelphia-the Rev. William T. Van Doren, from the Presbytery of Steuben, and dismissed Mr. Wm. H. Ruffner a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of West Manchester, and Mr Thomas Murphy, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia-that on the 7th of the same month, they licensed Messrs. Charles H. Waldron, David G. Stenderson, William W. McMair, Thomas D. L. Cardlow, Joel K. Lyle, and George Goodhue to preach the gospel-that on the 15th of February they dismissed Mr. A. P. Gillman, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Chickasaw-that on the 9th of April, they dismissed Mr. Alexander Dickson a licentiate to put himself under the care of the classis of Watervliet of the Reformed Dutch Church-that on the 24th of the same month they received Messrs. William C. Davis, James C. Fletcher, and Elihu Loomis on trials for the gospel ministry-and dismissed Mr. John B. Shive, a candidate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Brazos-the Rev. William W. Green to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia-and Mr. William H. Kirk, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Maritan-and that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Charles Webster to the church and congregation of Middletown Point-that on the 25th of April they received Mr. J. E. Duffield a candidate from the Presbytery of Carlisle, Mr. William B. Stewart a candidate from the Presbytery of Alleghany, and Lawrence G. Hay, a candidate from the Presbytery of Indianapolis, and licensed Messrs. James C. Fletcher, Henry J. Coe, Lawrence G. Hay, William B. Stewart and James C. Knapp to preach the gospel-that on the 17th of May they ordained Messrs. W. McMair, and Bradley Phillips to the work of the gospel ministry, as Evangelists, and on the same day dismissed them to join the Presbytery of Wisconsin-that on the 25th of April they received Mr. Nathaniel K. Klenk on trial for the gospel ministry-that on the 17th of May they received Thomas S. C. Smith on trials for the gospel ministry-that on the 24th of the same month they licensed him to preach the gospel-that on the same day they dismissed Mr. Henry L. Coe a licentiate to put himself

under the care of the Presbytery of Indianapolis-that on the 22nd of June, they dismissed Mr. Hugh B. Gardiner a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Rock River-that on the 15th of August, they dismissed Mr. Thomas L. L. Wardlow, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Luzerne-that on the 4th of September, Mr. George C. Crow, a licentiate was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Baltimore-that on the 8th of September Mr. Charles H. Waldron a licentiate was dismissed to put himself under the care of the classis of Waterlist of the Reformed Dutch Church-and that on the same day, Mr. George W. Schenk, a licentiate, departed this life-that on the 15th of September, Mr. George N. Bergen a licentiate was dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Cincinnati-that on the 2nd of October, they received the Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler from the Presbytery of West Jersey-the Rev. Alden Scovell from the Presbytery of Columbia, and the Rev. James W. Alexander D. D. from the Presbytery of New York-that on the same day, they received under their care the 2nd Presbyterian Church in the City of Trenton which was organized in May last, and dismissed Mr. Charles L. Shields a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Long Island-that on the same day, they restored the licence to Mr. Henry A. Bowen from whom it was withdrawn, at his own request in consequence of protracted ill health-and received under their care the church of Goshen, which was organized in June last, that they also on the same day dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. John C. De Paw to the 2nd church and congregation of New Brunswick-and received Mr. Josiah Willigan on trial for the gospel ministry-and that on the 10th day of October, they installed the Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler pastor of the 2nd Presbyterian church in the city of Trenton.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

ELI F. COOLY, Stated Clerk.

3. The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 28 Ministers, and have under their care 26 Congregations, 3 Licentiates and 6 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 19th of October last, they dismissed Mr. George C. Heckman, a licentiate under their care to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Steuben-that on the 7th of March 1849, they received the Rev. John Skinner D. D. from the Presbytery of Lexington and the Rev. James Lillie M. D. from the Presbytery of Carlisle-that on the same day they installed Mr. Skinner pastor of the church of Harmony for one half of his time-that on the 8th of March, they installed the Rev. James Lillie M. D. pastor of the church of Mansfield-that on the 18th of March, they installed Dr. Skinner Pastor of the 2nd church of Easton, for one half of his time, that on the 24th of April, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. William Scribner, and the church of Stroudsburg.

They further report that on the 3rd day of July the Rev. James G. Force departed this life-and that on the 6th of August, Presbytery dismissed Mr. John Stewart a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Wisconsin.

Presbytery would further report that in 18 of the churches under the care of the Presbytery, the plan of benevolent contributions enjoined by the Synod has been acted upon during the past year, and contributions made to the three Boards according to the order of the Synod. While Presbytery are able to report an increase in the number of contributing churches, an improvement to be attributed to the operation of the Synod's plan, still they cannot but think that in some instances, the contributions are small in proportion to the wealth and size of the churches-From the union church the Mansfield church, Scotts Mountain and Stillwater 2nd Presbytery have received no report, and the following churches Presbytery would report as delinquent, viz; the 2nd church of Easton and Harmony which were vacant at the time appointed by Synod for two of the collections.-Middle Smithfield of which Mr. Johnson is pastor-Musconetcong Valley of which Mr. Jewers is pastor and Stroudsburg lately under the pastoral care of Mr. Scribner.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

JAMES MC WILLIAM, Stated Clerk.

4. The Presbytery of Fairton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 12 Ministers, and have under their care 15 Congregations, 5 Licentiate, and 5 Candidates.

They further report that on the 22nd of November 1848, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Albert Williams to the congregation of Clinton-that on the 18th of April 1849, they licensed Messrs. Andrew Barr and James L. Tadlock to preach the gospel as probationers for the Christian Ministry-that on the 8th of May, they received under their care Mr. William W. Kirk a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and on the same day following, ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the church and congregation of Colebury-that on the 1st of May they organized a Presbyterian church at Franktown, and on the last Tuesday in July, (1st of the month,) installed the Rev. Samuel S. Porter, as pastor over the same-that on the 2nd of October, they received the Rev. James C. Watson D. D. by certificate from the Presbytery of Carlisle, as a minister in good standing-they further report that the last General Assembly detached the Rev. Albert Williams from this Presbytery to the Presbytery of California, and transferred the Congregation of Tinkona from the care of the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia, to the care of this Presbytery.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

PHILIP C. CAMPBELL, Stated Clerk.

5. The Presbytery of Sasquehanna report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 11 Ministers, and have under their care 19 Congregations, and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 29th of August 1849, they received under their care the church of Herrickville which had been organized by a committee during the recess of Presbytery-that on the 2nd of September they received the Rev. Ebenezer W. Snowden from the Presbytery of Luzerne, and that on the next day, they installed him pastor of the church and congregation of Warren.

The Presbytery also report that contributions to the different Boards of our church have been received as follows to wit:

From the church of Warren, for Domestic Missions.

From the church of Troy, for Domestic and Foreign Missions, Education, church extension and publication.

From the church of Towanda, Domestic and Foreign Missions, Education, Church Extension and Publication.

From the church of Wysox, Domestic and Foreign Missions.

From the church of Wyalusing, and the church of Silver Lake for domestic and foreign missions, education, publication and church-extension.

From the church of Orwell, for domestic and Foreign Missions.

From the Welsh Church, for Domestic and Foreign missions, Education and church extension.

From the church of Canton, for domestic missions.

From the church of Friendsville, for Publication.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

JULIUS POWER, Modest Clerk.

3. The Presbytery of West Jersey report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 18 Ministers, and have under their care 17 Congregations, 5 Licentiates, and 4 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 1st of November 1848, they ordained Mr. Robinson Dunn to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the church at Camden—that on the 14th of December 1848, they received under their care Mr. David R. McCoy, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and on the same day, ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry, as an Evangelist—that on the 15th of December, they dismissed the Rev. Richard Curran to connect himself with the Presbytery of Huntington—that on the 18th of April 1849, they licensed Messrs. Henry Reeves and Robert H. Reeves to preach the gospel as probationers for the ministry—that on the 7th of June 1849, they lost by death their oldest member the Rev. Buckley Carll, in the 80th year of his age—that on the 18th of September 1849, they dismissed the Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler to connect himself with the Presbytery of New Brunswick—and that on the 3rd of October, they licensed Nathaniel Burt to preach the gospel as a probationer for the ministry.

They also report that their churches include 1800 communicants, and have contributed as follows within the year. To Domestic Missions \$600--Foreign Do. \$1356--Board of Education \$420--Board of Publication \$85--and to Miscellaneous objects \$5600.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE, stated Clerk.

7. The Presbytery of Luzerne report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 14 Ministers, and have under their care 16 Congregations, 5 Licentiates and 3 Candidates.

And the Presbytery further report that on the 20th day of November 1848, they ordained Mr. Cornelius R. Lane, a licentiate under their care, to the work of the gospel ministry, as an Evangelist-at Tunkhannock--that on the 12th day of December, they ordained Mr. James M. Kennedy a licentiate under their care to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the church of Berwick--that on the 18th of April 1849, they received under their care Mr. Jonathon Osmond, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Castle--that on the same day they cited the Rev. Henry J. David to appear and answer to the charges laid against him by common Fame--that on the 4th of May, they ordained Mr. Jonathon Osmond to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the church of Newton--that on the 10th of May, they licensed Mr. Edward Kennedy to preach the gospel--that on the 17th of July, they issued the case of the Rev. Henry J. David and unanimously declared him guilty of fraud and falsification, and on the 19th of September granted him a new trial, and unanimously affirmed the decision and rebuked him. Corain Presbyterio, suspended him from the Privileges of the church until repentance, and on his engaging to demit the ministry during our pleasure, the formal sentence of suspension was not passed, but his name is dropped from the roll for the

present---that on the 19th of September they dismissed the Rev. Ebenezer H. Snowden to join the Presbytery of Tusquehanna, and on the same day, received under their care Mr. T. De Lacey Wardlaw, a licentiate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, and on the 20th of the same month, dismissed the Rev. W. Wilson Bonnell to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

And the presbytery further report that on the 16th of October, they received under their care Mr. Wm. Samuel Morrison, a licentiate of Newry Presbytery in Connection with the General Assembly of the church of Ireland, and his credentials are herewith laid before the Synod.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery.

RICHARD WEBSTER, Stated Clerk.

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